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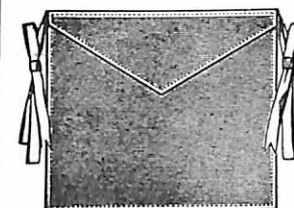
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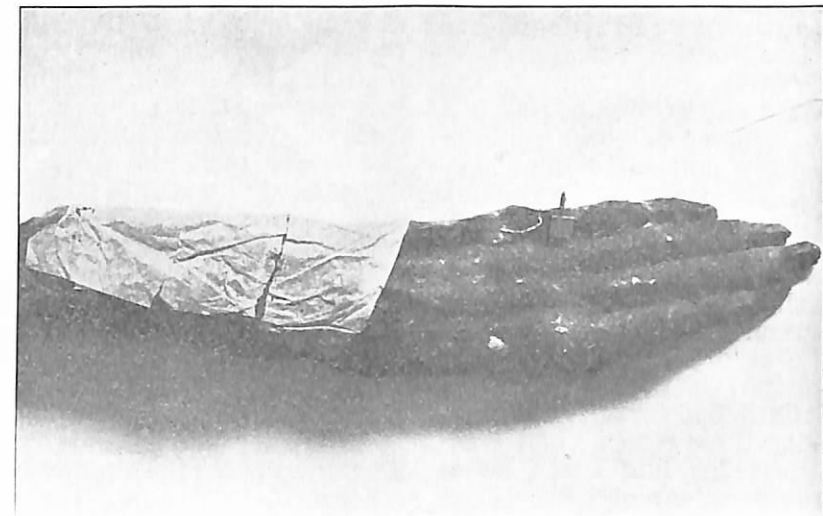
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A Mummy's Hand

Written for the New England Craftsman by Albert I. Mather



Mummy's Hand

Courtesy of the Art Museum, Boston

THE right hand of an Egyptian queen! Small, graceful, and of as symmetrical proportion as when it graced its owner thousands of years ago. Its tapering fingers and slender wrist were swathed in bandages that still retain the odor of the aromatic gums used in its preservation. It was found in the tomb of Seti I, by Prof. Belzoni in 1818, and was presented by his widow to my old friend Dr. John A. Weisse of New

York, at whose house I saw it a quarter of a century ago. The mummy, minus the hand is now in the museum at Brussels.

That little hand lay before me on a slab of glass. What a powerful impression it made upon me! It took me back to the old, old days, when that hand had fed the sacred Ibis of the Temple; it had often been placed across the forehead, shading the eyes from the sun, as she had gazed over the fertile delta of the Nile, watching

for the Benu, or Phoenix of the waters; with its mate it had been clasped in silent adoration under that rainless azure sky, as the star of Inundation had appeared in the heavens. May I not have seen that hand placed in queenly benediction upon the head of some neophyte? May it possibly not have been placed on my own? Has it not carried the Anhh, the sign of Life, in the performance of mysteries appertaining to the Temple? It is not improbable that it may have figured conspicuously in the Hall of the Two Truths, where you and I dear brethren, passed the examination before the forty-two judges.

In the Temple of Hephaestus, at Memphis, the owner of this hand had often officiated in the sacred mysteries; had worn the royal crown of the horned disks; had seen the initiation of Pharaohs, princes, queens, hierophants, priests and magnates. Familiar with the Astrology of Magi, she had often gazed upon the planisphere of the Zodiac of Dendera, and that index finger had no doubt pointed out the three mysterious Virgos inserted between Leo and Libra, and explained the records of the Initiates who taught that the poles of the earth and the Ecliptic had formerly coincided, and since their records had commenced, the poles had three times been within the plane of the ecliptic. That hand had pointed out the mystery of the Great Bear, the first great keeper of time, and had guided the candidate through the initiation of "Knight of Time;" had assisted in the discovery of the sacred signet of the Thrice Great Hermes; also the interlacing of the two Deltas; had been placed on the head in reverence before the watchful eye of Horus, that never sleeps, lest the work of his companions be destroyed; had guided the solar bark to the West, and reached the Aah-en-ru.

"Here we filled the eye of Horus, here we fed the eye of Shu, To be luminous forever in the Aah-en-ru."

That hand had lain over the heart to conceal the Name, which can only be learned by him who **Knows Himself**; had endeavored to stay the fury of Typhon when he rends the Osirian Ark; was uplifted in the lamentation, "Mourn Egypt! Our King is slain! Osiris is no more! Our Master is forever lost!"; and afterwards had thrummed the sistrum joyously, chanting the hymn, "Ho! unknown of the Sun by day and by night, the Osiris lives after he dies, like the sun daily, for as the sun died and was born yesterday, so the Osiris is born."

No doubt that hand had assisted in binding the Initiate to the Tau Couch, or Svastika, when he underwent the **Sacred Sleep**; had helped to carry him at near daybreak of the third day to the Sarcophagus, where the rays of the rising sun striking full in his face, was awakened to be initiated by the God of Wisdom into the highest grade, for once the dead had been deemed worthy of life eternal, he became part of the divine essence, and henceforward a pure spirit; passing from room to room, appearing before the gods, and finally becoming purified, was at last admitted to the Hall of Beauties, into that life, where a **second death** becomes an impossibility.

That hand had held aloft the Crux Ansata, when Thoth poured the dual stream of waters over the neophyte, the waters of regeneration and new birth, when the sacred words were pronounced to the Spirit Sun within, and the new born one became fully enlightened.

The owner of this hand had seen the binding into one Brotherhood, all nations of the earth, the fusion of one's self with all mankind, recognizing that the wonderful body of man is a true cosmos, upon which is recorded all that the Soul has gathered up in its process of growth, as much a microcosm of the mind within, as of the visible and invisible universe without, constituting layers and spheres, analogous to astral and electrical matter in the boundless realms of space,

for he who by slow and painful steps proceeds from porch to sanctuary, pausing to contemplate and observe, is enabled to see truths which for civilizing, enlightening and uniting humanity has had no equals on the landmarks of time.

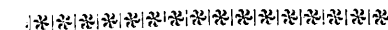
Much more could be gleaned from a contemplation of this royal hand, now so still, pulseless, and mute. As it inspired me with reverence the day I first saw it, so that reverence deepened with time, and that same queen-

ly little hand pointed out to me much of the hidden symbolism of Masonry. "Egypt! how I have dwelt with you in dreams,

So long, so intimately, that it seems As if you had borne me; though I could not know

It was so many thousand years ago! And in my gropings darkly underground

The long-lost memory at last is found Of Motherhood—you Mother of us all!"



The Actual History of Freemasonry

John Yarker

IN England the only Masonic historians who are held in repute are those who prove to you that Modern Freemasonry has no history beyond 1717, and in a certain sense they are correct.

In America every idle statement, generally interesting in itself, which connects Modern Freemasonry as an offshoot of the mysteries of antiquity, is accepted without the slightest attempt at proof, but in fact, so far as Modern Masonry is concerned, there is not the slightest foundation for any such assumption.

Yet it can be proved by any Mason of learning who will go the right way about it that Masonry has a primeval origin with the mysteries, and that can only be done by tracing backward, not forward.

Modern Freemasonry originates in the operative Guilds of Free Masonry. Of this there are two systems of work in England in the ancient jurisdiction of York, north of Trent. London holds aloof, offers no assistance.

One of these systems originated with the Worshipful Society of Free Masons, St. Pauls, London; the other springs from a charter of the Counts Palatine, Bishops of Durham, issued

in 1639, which combined various trades and is known as the Worshipful Society of Free Masons, Rough Masons, Wallers, Slaters, Paviers, Plasterers, and Bricklayers. It has, however, minute-books dating back to 1607, and the Arms, of five quarterings, exist today in the Guild Hall, Durham. This is a very numerous body, but the work only differs from the first named in minor points. Anyone who knows this work, and has any pretensions to learning, can see almost at a glance, whence springs Modern Freemasonry, and out of what arose the Guild Masonry of the Anglo-Saxons. To trace the connection of Modern Freemasonry with the operative Guild one must go back to ancient York Masonry, which you have fairly correct in America; the English Ritual, which dates from 1813, is of no use, and probably this is the reason why the "Know Nothing" historians have all their own way in asserting they have no history.

Then in operative Guild Masonry arose two systems,—that of the old operative Gothic builders which died out, gradually, with the Reformation in 1838, but left various bodies which developed into two degrees, and had

gradually from 1648 to 1700 become social and political clubs of speculative Freemasons. Master Masons generally withdrew from the lodges to enter the companies and incorporations.

The other system maintained, and yet maintains, its building character in seven degrees, and was the classical style of the old Comici brought into this country by Inigo Jones, who Anderson tells us brought over Italians to teach the English. It is this system therefore to which we must look if we wish to trace back our origin, in the mysteries.

The readers must take my word for it, and accept it or reject it as best pleases them, for I value no one's opinion; but this I do assert, that anyone who knows this system as I know it, and has a fair amount of learning, can trace its ritual back for say a couple of thousand years to the Romans. The Anglo-Saxon Guilds only became such when their kings became Lawgivers; they were previously Roman Colleges and Grecian Eranos.

The Guild believes that a certain drama records an actual fact; how is it then that we can trace back all its

details to the pre-historic Cyclopean builders? I have developed the heads of this in my *Arcane Schools*, but it seems to be looked on with suspicion because their great historians tell them that our Freemasonry has no history, and they have been unable to weave a connected narrative. How then comes it that unlettered Masons can tell us what we are?

Operative Guild Freemasonry had Anderson as chaplain in 1710, and they consider him an unprincipled blackleg. Anderson did not play a creditable part, but he was not as bad as represented. He established a Grand Lodge of two degrees, Apprentices and Fellowcraft, and the Duke of Wharton, in 1722, added the ceremony of installing a Master. What Anderson really did was what Scotland had been doing fifteen years before; at Houghfort, Bro. Hoppringle was Master of a lodge and the minutes prove that it had two degrees in 1702 and the presiding officer was the Master Mason. Sir John Pringle, at the same date, had the same sort of lodge precisely, and so had the time-immemorial lodge at Melrose.

—The Theosophic Messenger.

SONG IN MARCH

Now are the winds about us in their glee,
Tossing the slender tree;
Whirling the sands about his furious car,
March cometh from afar;
Breaks the sealed magic of old Winter's dreams,
And rends his glassy streams;
Chafing with potent airs, he fiercely takes
Their fetters from the lakes,
And, with a power by queenly Spring supplied,
Wakens the slumbering tide.

—William Gilmore Simms.

Treasure Hunting in Egypt

Results of Discovery by the Egypt Exploration Fund at Abydos

Exclusive Report from the National Headquarters, Tremont Temple, Boston

By Marie N. Buckman, Secretary for the United States



Marie N. Buckman

WHO has not at some time quoted the familiar axiom "history repeats itself?" And where has it proved more emphatically true than at Abydos, the cradle of the Egyptian race, the homestead of the nation? Through the sunlight and shadow of long periods of development and of obscurity runs the amazing story of human achievement. The record begins far away in predynastic times, 5,000 years before Christ and continues in unbroken sequence through the treasures of the royal tombs of the Ist and IInd dynasties, town life and temple building to the end of the VIth dynasty, about 3322 B. C. Then occurs a break. Nothing is heard of Abydos during the obscure period of the VIIth to the Xth dynasties; but in the XIth dynasty, 2778 B. C., we find the kings again carrying on extensive building operations here and an ever lengthening chain in events till the long darkness of the Hyksos invasion draws closer its impenetrable veil.

With the casting off of the foreign yoke and the gathering strength in the mighty XVIIIth dynasty to meet and to overcome the adjacent Syrian countries Egypt first tasted the sweets of power abroad, the riches of conquest in which Abydos shared.

The ruined temples were repaired and offerings so costly were bestowed that their description reads like an Oriental legend. Thothmes I. ordered for Osiris a barque of cedar, the bow and stern to be made of electrum, and a second barque to be decorated with gold, silver, black copper, lapis lazuli and other precious stones. These were rivalled in excellence only by the statues that he erected with all their standards also of electrum; he further presented the temple with offering-tables, sistrums, necklaces, censers and votive vases. In the reign of Thothmes III we read of Prince Antef of this province who controlled the entire oasis region of the western desert and delighted to pour its wealth upon the altar of the great god. At this period within the enclosed walls of the ancient city of Thinis we may picture these temples rising amidst the houses, their altars blazing with gold and their halls ringing with the musical tinkling of the sistrums and the voices of the priests in their chants to Osiris.

Not, however, till the rise and passing of the brief Utopian dream of Khuenaten, that threatened to wreck the national independence did Abydos truly arise from centuries of neglect to the foremost place it then maintained as the great sacred center of special religious ceremonies till Ptole-



Hypostyle Hall of Seti's Temple

maic times. To this long period's splendor, from 1375 to 525 B. C., belongs the temple of Seti at Abydos of such delicate beauty and interest that still after more than 3,000 years modern pilgrims from beyond the seas pay homage within its hypostyle halls and chapels. Here as of old glow the barques and standards upon the walls of the shrines of the gods. Here Seti sits enthroned in deathless sculpture still directing the gaze of the prince destined to be the Pharaoh of the Oppression but now simply the young Rameses to the tablet of the 76 sons of the sun, his kingly ancestors. The recovery of this temple which may be called the finest in Egypt is due to the genius of that pioneer-prince of archaeology, M. Mariette. When his commission to

dig was officially granted by the French government, with characteristic energy he started excavations at 37 different sites at once! At Abydos a dreary waste of many mounds confronted him for he faced nature's stronghold, the first seat of the powerful chieftains of Thinis, the earliest city and capital in Egypt with its sequacious ruins. But he choose to begin operations a mile to the southeast of Thinis at our present site Abydos, attracted by the extent of the gray mounds and perhaps by the name of the village El Arabat el-Madfuneh, literally Arabat "the buried," partially built over the largest mound.

Before he went to Egypt, Abydos was unknown. Mariette excavated Seti's temple just 50 years ago. The

forecourt he left untouched for the village houses clustered thickly there with many a sculptured block built into the mud walls and the village was too large and prosperous to disturb. From that time till this winter visitors have threaded a winding way past these mud-walled and sculptured houses of el Arabat with now and then a granite column to be seen in the native's palm garden or a broken sarcophagus by a dried up well.

Just as at Deir el-Bahari Mariette's operations left an enormous heap of refuse 45 feet in depth dumped on the middle platform, the "birth terrace," as his legacy to the fund, so at Abydos his zeal in clearing the temple of Seti led him to pile the debris from his excavation, within the temenos at the rear of the temple, thus burying the Osireion still more deeply under tons of rubbish to the depth of 40 feet—a second burdensome legacy to the Fund! Much of this heap has been removed by means of the double line of light railway loaned the Fund by the Department of Antiquities.

Again the cycle necessary for an Egyptian resurrection being fulfilled

Abydos in every direction is literally throwing off its cerements of sand. Under the scientific attack of the pick and basket brigade a host of witnesses—not only those sculptured upon temple walls but the veritable occupants—appear from grave and tomb to break the silence of another 2,000 years. This is the story that they tell. Abydos is a vast necropolis where Egyptians liked to be buried or to have memorial tombs from the earliest to the latest times. In the great mixed cemetery to the south lie graves of the well-known neolithic type where the crouched body surrounded by its pottery jars, a few slate palettes, and perhaps a handful of beads proclaims its occupant of the predynastic era. Although these burials are moderately close to one another, so desirable was the sacred privilege of resting here regarded that many shaft graves of the VIth dynasty and later crowd over the same area, their brick walls alone separating the dwellers in "their eternal abodes" who in life were divided by many centuries. To add to the confusion, above them both frequent-



Predynastic burial vases in position

ly occur the vaulted brick tombs of the XXXth dynasty, 330 B. C. While in the north cemetery as revealed by this season's digging suddenly appears a rich cartonnage gleaming with gold and enameled with the blue of the Ptolemaic period.

Illustrating these many epochs disclosed by the spade has been collected and catalogued so varied a harvest in pottery that the very alphabet of archaeology is recovered. We see the predynastic vessels earlier than 5,000 B. C. made without the help of the potter's wheel gradually giving way before fine stone ware patiently wrought by chipping, boring, and polishing with flints and grinding pebbles, and, later more easily fashioned with copper implements. Later still we see the abandonment of the stone vases for the rapidly made wheel pottery of endless form and variety. Always the new art supersedes and



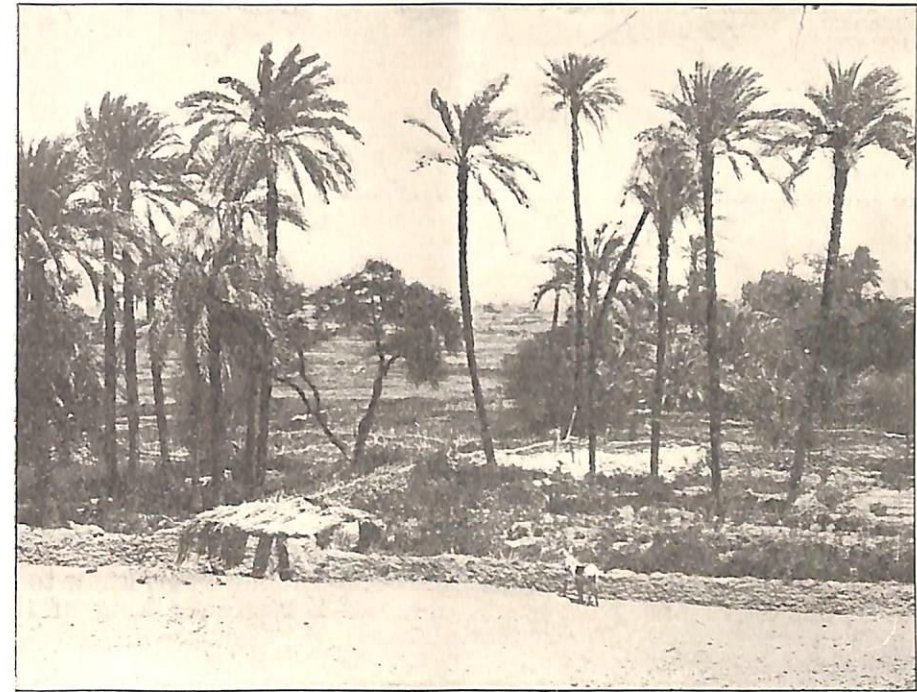
Khufu, the builder of the great Pyramid, 3908 B. C.

drives out the old until Abydos becomes a school in the arts and crafts of its ancient progress.

From the royal tombs come choicer objects. Their crystal fragments of a bowl engraved with delicate tools, dolomite toilet jars with gold covers, amulets cut from amethyst, a king's sard and gold scepter, and rarest of all the superb jewelry of the Queen of Zer—all embellished the marvelous tale of Abydos as embroidery the hem of a sovereign's robe. Interspersed with these objects from the graves and tombs are the instructive objects found in the town. These show that in predynastic time a high state of civilization had been attained. An ivory statuette of a king of this period found here is executed with a degree of skill never surpassed in Egypt, the shrewd expression of the face, the pattern of his quilted robe impresses his age, his personality strongly upon the observer's attention. Here in the IVth dynasty at the temple of Osiris King Khufu left in offering an ivory statuette of himself, the first portrait that has ever come to light of the builder of the Great Pyramid. To have found such remains, to have recovered and published in order the history of the early kings, to have shown what the arts and skill of the Egyptians were in those primal days and to have uncovered the successive temples of 4,000 years is the greatest prize ever gained in the history of man and has made Abydos the most interesting place in the world today.

Beautiful in situation is Abydos. Its geographical position too is interesting on account of modern problems in the regeneration of Egypt in reclaiming hundreds of desert acres to agriculture.

The 26th parallel of latitude marks its place 350 miles south of Cairo, 233 miles north of the great Aswan barrage. It lies some 6 or 7 miles from the river and the cultivated land sweeps to the very edge of the desert plateau where the cool shady palms almost encroach upon the area of the



Cultivated Land, edge of Desert

now destroyed temple of Osiris and the hanging gardens of vegetation cover the slope to the sandy plain. From this line of demarcation the desert gradually widens from a mere strip to a bay four miles across sheltered by the cliffs which rise abruptly to a height of 800 feet. This bay is nowhere more than a couple of miles from the cultivated ground. Along its edges stand the temples at present our chief care. By the silting up of the Nile bed the sandy edge of the temple district has been encroached upon by Nile deposits until it is now about 20 feet below the high Nile level. Hence the infiltration of the soil has been so considerable that the method necessary to clear the ancient temple of Osiris also destroyed it. "There were more than a dozen different levels of building," reads Professor Petrie's report, "all the lower ones only of mud brick; the whole of the lower levels were under the high Nile and certain to be a mud swamp

so soon as the Nile rose next summer. To treat such a place like the Forum would have involved enormous substructure, layer under layer, and a wide drying area for hundreds of yards around at a cost of certainly five figures. No one would be likely to give a hundredth part of the cost to attain that end. If any part were left without clearing to the bottom, the next high Nile would make entire pudding of it. All that could be done whenever it was begun was to dig it dry in as dry a season as possible, when the water was at its lowest, to clear it entirely to water level, and to make plans, levelling and records of every wall and every detail, removing everything that stood in the way of going lower. Henceforward that temple site instead of existing in unseen layers of solid earth exists only on paper." As this temple lay a mile farther north and west than the temple of Seti with which the Osireion connects it does not require much

foresight to predict the fate of the latter if its excavation be too long delayed.

The great dam at Aswan will be completed in 1912, this year, after which there will be no barren years caused by extreme low Nile.

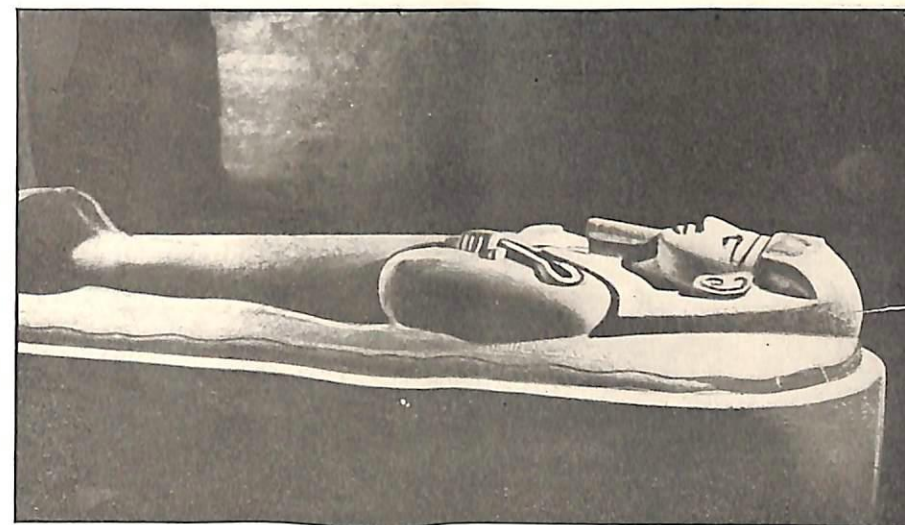
The importance at this site of the Osireion lies in the fact that it is unique; in the whole course of Egyptian history no other such structure is known. It is a subterranean temple intended for the performance of the mysteries of Osiris here identified in the under-world with the king and builders of the edifice, Merenptah, Pharaoh of the Exodus. The Osireion lies 40 feet below the surface. Trial shafts show its length to be certainly 200 feet. In the search for roofing stones the sloping passage was found to lead to the rear wall of the temple of Seti. Chambers and halls were

found to exist. A line drawn through the axis of the temple of Seti to the royal tombs passes through the sloping passage and across the center of the great hall thus showing that both were dedicated to the same worship. Naturally the secret entrance to Merenptah's underground temple should be sought within the great Abydos temple which the piety of Seti led him to erect in memory of the ancient kings.

Early in the reign of Rameses I., father of Seti I. and the first king of the XIXth dynasty there occurred the discovery of the sepulchres known to us as the Royal Tombs located on the spur of the hills beyond the village of El Arabat. Among these tombs the Egyptians of this period believed they had identified the tomb of Osiris which we now know to be the tomb of Zer, second king of the Ist



Entrance to sloping passage of Osireion, left corner



Sarcophagus of Merenptah

dynasty. In this brilliant XIXth dynasty the worship of Osiris was wide spread throughout the Delta and upper Egypt and the supremely sacred character of Abydos where tradition had located the buried head of the god was securely settled by the reputed finding of his tomb. A wave of religious zeal set in to clear the necropolis, restore and adorn the ancient tomb, build temples and establish elaborate ceremonies. Seti I. dedicated his temple to the divine ancestors. Merenptah consecrated the adjoining underground temple to the divine Judge of the dead; it symbolized the entrance and safe passage through the gates of the underworld to the realm of Osiris.

The center of interest just now is at the site of the temple of Seti, 1313 B. C. Work is now going on under M. Naville's direction in the ruined rear portion of Seti's temple to discover the Osireion's secret entrance. The fallen blocks and those displaced must then be restored. But to repair the entire temple is a governmental undertaking and one so important that the village houses in the fore-court have been purchased and are now being demolished by the Department of Antiquities. The north pylon

too will be reconstructed as far as the recovered blocks will admit, when the temple will again face the open plain. Unlike all other Egyptian temples Seti's temple has a wing on the east side where were kept the sacred barques and standards used in the processional during the Osirian miracle play. This unsymmetrical annex has ever been a puzzle to architects. But the excavations at the Osireion behind the temple have disclosed the buildings evidently referred to by Strabo, who states that they led down to a spring which rising here in the sand discharged itself into a small channel and so joined the Nile. The reason then for the turning aside of the back rooms is surely obvious; the builders found that they were approaching moist, unstable sand upon which the foundations could never rest secure.

Believing that we stand at the threshold of enlightenment upon many obscure points the Egypt Exploration Fund established a permanent camp at Abydos some years ago for the thorough investigation of this great center of civilization. In the desert at Abydos the Fund has commodious quarters, two houses accommodate the Director, M. Naville and his



Ptolemaic Mummy in Stone Coffin as found

assistants. Consequently the camp is well supplied with convenient premises not only for the staff but for housing securely all the antiquities which may be unearthed. In his address before the 27th annual meeting in London, M. Naville stated what the above results confirm as a just appraisal of the situation.

"In settling at Abydos, at a place where we shall have to remain for several years, we made no new departure, we do not act differently from what we have done at Deir el-Bahari. We initiate no new methods, we are following the principle which has now been adopted in Egypt by all really scientific explorers. Scientific excavators do not change every year their sites. They settle in one place and do not leave it before they know what there was in antiquity at the spot where they are working. They do not dig merely for filling museums or making private collections; they do not declare a site to be worthless because they have nothing to carry

away from it. The clearing may solve important historical or artistic questions."

The Egypt Exploration Fund was the first to adopt this method of work, that of clearing old monuments of showing to the world what they were. It is on this principle that we cleared the two temples at Deir el-Bahari, the magnificent XVIIIth dynasty temple of Queen Hatshepsu and its ancient model the XIth dynasty temple antedating that of the Queen by 500 years. Antiquities however do result, and how greatly is their value increased by the fulness of knowledge attained by thorough and exhaustive research.

Among the agencies engaged in recovering Egypt, the Egypt Exploration Fund stands conspicuous. It is international and is the senior society for England and the United States working in Egypt since 1883. Headed by no less a world figure than the Earl of Cromer and three vice-presidents in England, three vice-presi-

dents also in the United States, a full Committee and a host of honorary secretaries with a staff of nine officers in charge of explorations this association has won the respect of governments and scholars. It is a matter of no little pride to America that this is the second year our American representative, Prof. Thomas Whittemore is with the staff in the field.

It is the rare privilege of every member of this society to rank as partners in the unearthing of these treasures of historical truth, especially as when in the present season we look to solve an Egyptian problem in engineering and architecture and to gain further commentary on the religious beliefs of a vanished race so pre-eminently associated with our Scriptures.



AN ENTREATY

Let me but live my life from year to year
With forward face and unreluctant soul,
Not hastening to nor turning from the goal;
Not mourning for the things that disappear
In the dim past, nor held back in fear
From what the future veils, but with a whole
And happy heart that pays its toll
To youth and age, and travels on with cheer.

So let the way wind up the hill and down,
Though rough or smooth, the journey will be joy;
Still seeking what I sought but when a boy,
New friendships, high adventure, and a crown,
I shall grow old, but never lose life's zest,
Because the road's last turn will be the best.

—Henry Van Dyke.

Bethsaida R. A. Chapter

Everett, Mass., Constituted February 22, 1912



NEW Royal Arch Chapter has been inaugurated in Everett, Mass., and starts on its career under auspicious conditions. It was constituted by Most Excellent Charles D. Burrage, grand high priest with the assistance of other officers of the Grand Chapter, February 22d. There was an attendance of more than 300. The Grand High Priest was formally received and welcomed by High Priest Charles Bruce and seated in the East. The suite of the Grand High Priest comprised Rt. Ex. Charles H. Preston, DGHP; Rt. Ex. David T. Montague, GK; Rt. Ex. Alfred H. Nash, GS; Rt. Ex. Eugene A. Holton, GT; Rt. Ex. G. Sidney Macfarlane (DDGHP 2d district), as GS; Most Ex. Albert C. Smith and Harry Hunt, PGHP; Rt. Ex. James S. Blake, DDGHP 1st district; Rt. Ex. William Wooldridge, DDGHP 8th district; Rt. Ex. Arthur Twitchell, DDGHP 13th district; Edward P. Hatch, GC of H; Augustus P. Calder, GRAC; H. P. Wasgatt, GPS; Lorenzo L. Green, GL; Rev. Dr. R. Perry Bush, GC; Charles G. Bird as GC; Elisha B. Sears as GM 3d V; George A. Warren, GM 2d V; Benjamin T. Morgan, GM 1st V; Martin J. Pleschinger and Frederick A. Flint, as GS; John T. Kimball, G tyler.

The exercises began with a prayer by Grand Chaplain R. Perry Bush, D. D. High Priest Bruce delivered an historical address, recounting the rise of Masonry in Everett and the steps that lead to the formation of the chapter. The petitioners were introduced by Deputy Grand High Priest Preston and the warrant was read by

Acting Grand Sec. Macfarlane. The chapter was duly constituted by the grand high priest and dedicated to the capitular rite by the grand chaplain, followed by the anthem, "Lord, Thy Glory," by the quartet, and proclamation from Grand Captain of the Host Hatch.

The installation was noteworthy as the high priest was inducted by the grand high priest, the king and scribe by the corresponding grand officers and the others by the grand lecturer. The list is as follows: Charles Bruce, HP; Thomas P. Blake, K; Gustavus A. Judd, S; George E. Hunt, T; Edward B. Noyes, S; Rev. G. G. Hamilton, C; Frank G. Boston, C of H; Fred Hobbs, PS; David S. Huey, RAC; Melville A. Arnold, M 3d V; Thomas J. Huey, M 2d V; Daniel H. Hussey, M 1st V; Clinton E. Hobbs, SS; Edward E. Peasley, JS; Herbert L. Smith, IS; James A. Goudey, tyler; John A. Thomas, organist.

Grand High Priest Burrage delivered an address on "Capitular Masonry" and extended his congratulations to the new chapter. Grand Master Evans, head of the Cryptic Rite, Grand Chaplain Bush, Past Grand High Priests Hunt and Smith also responded to calls for addresses.

Of the nine who were instrumental in promoting the formation of the chapter, Charles Bruce, Thomas P. Blake and G. A. Judd are the first three officers, and Edward B. Noyes is secretary. Since the dispensation was granted there has been a large accession of those who desired to be included in the charter list, so it numbers 107 names.



Freemasonry in England

Ven. Archdeacon W. H. Weekes

District Deputy G. M. Central South Africa



IN the introduction of Freemasonry into England, it would appear that at first every Lodge was independent, and that there was no organization of Grand Lodges. A number of Masons, engaged in some important building enterprise, were accustomed to meet together and practise the rites of Masonry without any warrant of constitution. This privilege was considered to be inherent in them as individuals. The Fraternity was in the habit of meeting annually for the purpose of conference upon the general concerns of the Order, and on this occasion a Grand Master was usually chosen. These meetings were called "Assemblies." This name and organization are as old as the fourth century of the Christian era; for, in a manuscript once in the possession of Nicholas Stone, a sculptor under the celebrated Inigo Jones, it is stated that "St. Alban, who was martyred in 306, loved Masons well and cherished them much. He got them a Charter from the King and his Council for to hold a general council, and gave it the name of Assembly." The next Charter granted in England to the Masons, as a body, was given by King Athelstan, in 926, upon the application of his brother, Prince Edwin. "Accordingly, Prince Edwin summoned all the Masons in the realm to meet him in a congregation at York, who came and composed a Grand Lodge, of which he was Grand Master; and having brought with them all the writings and records extant, some in Greek, some in Latin, some in French, and other languages, from the contents thereof that Assembly did frame the Constitution and Charges of an English Lodge." Those historians who

refuse to admit the authenticity of the anecdote of St. Alban's, date the true rise of Masonry in England from this Assembly at York; from the statutes there enacted they derive the English Masonic Constitution; and from the place of meeting the Ritual of the English Lodges is designated "The Ancient York Rite." For a long time the York Assembly exercised Masonic jurisdiction over England; but in 1567 the Masons in the South of England elected Sir Thomas Gresham, the celebrated merchant, as their Grand Master. He was succeeded by the illustrious architect, Inigo Jones. There were now two Grand Masters who assumed distinctive titles, the Grand Master of the North being called Grand Master of All England, while the Grand Master of the South was called Grand Master of England.

We now come to that which is sometimes termed the "Revival of Freemasonry," although I hope to show that the reorganization of 1717 was in reality the rise of our modern Speculative Freemasonry. It would appear that at the beginning of the eighteenth century Masonry in the South of England had fallen into neglect and decay. The disturbances of the Revolution, which placed William III. on the English Throne, and the subsequent bitterness of political feeling, had given this ancient Society a wound fatal to its success. Sir Christopher Wren, the Grand Master in the reign of Queen Anne, had become too aged and infirm to carry out the duties of his high office, hence the General Assemblies had ceased to take place. It is an undoubted fact that in 1716 there were but four Lodges in the South of England, all working in London. They were held: (1) at the "Goose and Gridiron Ale-

house," in St. Paul's Churchyard; (2) at the "Crown Alehouse," in Parker's Lane; (3) at the "Appletree Tavern," in Charles Street, Covent Garden; (4) at the "Rummer and Grapes Tavern," in Channel Row, Westminster. These four Lodges, desirous of reviving the prosperity of the Order, determined to unite themselves under a Grand Master. They therefore "met at the Appletree Tavern, and having put into the chair the oldest Master Mason (now the Master of a Lodge), they constituted themselves a Grand Lodge, *pro tempore*, in due form, and forthwith revised the quarterly communication of the officers of one aspect of an exceedingly busy life. Although ministering to those who had fallen into the clutches of the law, his quick discernment led him to the source of the mischief. Herein lies the power and value of the work, and we leave it to those who are interested—and what Mason can say that he is not?—to read and study for themselves. The book is beautifully illustrated. The portrait, in Grand Officer's clothing, is certainly one of the best we have seen, and the chapter on Masonry a truly valuable one; so much so that it has induced inquiry from a leading cleric in the provinces as to becoming a Mason.

And the Brethren, by a majority of hands, elected Mr. Anthony Sayer, gentleman, Grand Master of Masons; Captain Joseph Elliott and Mr. Jacob Lamball, carpenter, Grand Wardens, who being forthwith invested with the badge of office and power by the said oldest Mason and installed, was duly congratulated by the Assembly, who paid him the homage. Sayer, Grand Master, commanded the Masters and Wardens of Lodges to meet the Grand Officers every quarter in communication at the place appointed in his summons sent by the Tyler." The first meeting, in February, 1717, was of a preliminary character. Then it was decided to organize a Grand Lodge. But this resolution was not carried into effect until four months afterwards. There could have been

no Grand Lodge without a Grand Master, and the Grand Master was not elected until the following St. John the Baptist's Day, therefore the date of the foundation of our Grand Lodge of England is 24th June, 1717.

It is interesting to note that each of these four premier Lodges met at a tavern or alehouse. During the eighteenth and first part of the nineteenth centuries Freemasons' Lodges were almost universally held in the upper part of taverns; nor was this custom confined to the Fraternity, for every society, established for literary, social, or political purposes, followed the same plan. It is also noteworthy that these four Lodges were without names, such as are now borne by Lodges, but that they were designated by the signs of the taverns in which they met. Half a century elapsed before the Lodges in England began to adopt distinctive names.

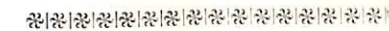
In order to decide whether the historical event thus described was a revival or a new departure, we must bear in mind that for a long time previous to 1716 the character of Masonic Lodges had been changing from operative to speculative. It can be historically established that from very early times the Society of Freemasons had admitted into its fraternity persons of rank and influence who were not Craftsmen. In this usage it followed the example of the Roman College of Artificers, whose patrons were selected from the more influential members of the community in order to secure protection from the oppression and interference of the Government. Thus when, after the decadence of the Roman Empire, architecture began to revive, and the Masons were employed in the erection of religious edifices, the dignitaries of the Church became closely connected with the workmen, and many of the monks were operative Masons. This usage continued even after the Freemasons had withdrawn from all ecclesiastical dependence, and up to the eighteenth century non-operatives were admitted into full member-

ship of the Society, under the description of Gentlemen or Theoretical Masons. The natural result of this commixture of operative and speculative Masons in the same fraternity was to beget a spirit of rivalry between the two classes. This eventually issued in the dissolution of the Society of Operative Masons, and the establishment, in 1717, of the Society of Speculative Freemasons, who assumed the title of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons.

Although the authentic records of the rise, progress, and culmination of the contentions between the two classes of Masons in England are unfortunately lost, the minutes of the Lodges of Edinburgh and Kilwinning, in Scotland, afford abundant evidence of the termination of that struggle in the establishment of the speculative "Grand Lodge of Scotland," in 1736. In 1716, as already stated, there were only four Lodges of Operative Masons in the City of London. Although the minutes of these Lodges are not extant, we know

that among their numbers were many gentlemen of education who were not operative, but speculative, Freemasons. From the close of the seventeenth century the Lodges were gradually losing their prestige—their architectural skill had decayed—their geometrical secrets were lost; and the distinction between the operative and speculative members was being rapidly obliterated. The men of science and culture, who had been admitted members, now obtained a commanding influence, and decided to abandon the operative side of the science altogether, and to confine the operations of the Craft to the purely theoretical side, preserving the grand principle of Brotherhood and the doctrines of symbolism, but directing these to the illustration of the science of morality. It may be stated, then, that Speculative Freemasonry found its origin in the desire of the speculative thinkers of the 18th century to change a society of workmen into a society of moralists.

—The Freemason.



SEASONS

Perceiv'st thou not the process of the year,
How the four seasons in four forms appear,
Resembling human life in ev'ry shape they wear?
Spring first, like infancy, shoots out her head,
With milky juice requiring to be fed: . . .
Proceeding onward whence the year began,
The Summer grows adult, and ripens into man. . . .
Autumn succeeds, a sober, tepid age,
Not froze with fear, nor boiling into rage; . . .
Last, Winter creeps along with tardy pace,
Sour is his front, and furrowed is his face.

—Dryden.

Constitution of Rabboni Royal Arch Chapter

Of North Attleboro, Mass., March 7th, 1912



"They have taken away my Lord," she said, "and I know not where they have laid him." When she had said this, a voice close behind her asked, "Woman, why weepest thou? Whom seekest thou?" Taking the person who thus accosted her to be the gardner, and only half turning to him, she said in her usual simple and childlike manner, without any transport of fancy—"sir, if thou hast borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away." On this the person to whom she had been speaking pronounced her name, "Mary," in that dear and well remembered voice, whose accents had more than once brought peace to her soul. On hearing it she responded, "Rabboni," and turning quickly around, fell at the feet of her risen Lord.

THE seventh day of March will hereafter be of especial significance to the Masonic fraternity of North Attleboro, Mass., for on that date in 1911, Rabboni Royal Arch Chapter was organized and on that date in 1912 it was constituted with full ceremony and in the presence of a large assembly of companions including many from other cities and towns. The program which was handsomely printed, included: Reception of Rt. Ex. Clarence M. Dunbar, district deputy grand high priest of the Third Capitular district and the officers of King Hiram R. A. Chapter of Attleboro; Historical address by Comp. Arthur T. Parker; Introduction of Petitioners by Deputy Grand High Priest, Charles H. Preston; Reading of Warrant by Rt. Ex. George E. Stacy, acting grand secretary; Constitution of Chapter by Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Charles Dana Burrage; Dedication of Chapter by Ex. A. P. Calder, acting grand chaplain, and proclamation by Ex. Comp. Edward P. Hatch, grand captain of the host.

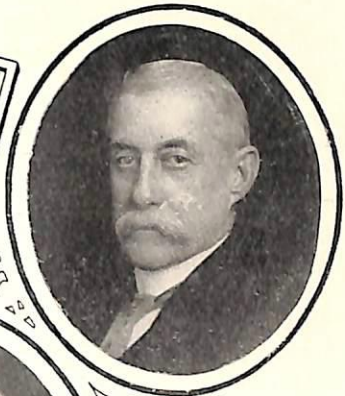
Appropriate music was rendered by Harvard Quartet of Boston. The formal exercises began at 5.30 o'clock with a reception of Rt. Ex. Clarence M. Dunbar, with him were, Charles L. Barker, high priest; Elmer E. King, king, and Winthrop F. Barden, scribe of King Hiram Chapter of Attleboro, the nearest chapter to Rabboni Chapter.

Grand Captain of the Host Hatch announced the presence of the grand high priest, who was given the customary salute, and on stating that he was prepared to constitute the chapter was formally greeted. The suite comprised the following: Rt. Ex. Charles H. Preston, deputy grand high priest; Rt. Ex. David T. Montague, grand king; Rt. Ex. Lewis M. Witherell, as grand scribe; Rt. Ex. Eugene A. Holton, grand treasurer; Rt. Ex. George E. Stacy, as grand secretary; Rt. Ex. James S. Blake, Rt. Ex. Edward O. Burton, Rt. Ex. Walter L. Collins, district deputy grand high priests of the first, eleventh and fourteenth districts; Augustus P. Calder, as grand chaplain; Edward P. Hatch, grand captain of the hosts;

RABBONI ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER



WILLIAM F. MAINTIEN
EXCELLENT
KING



WALTER E. BARDEN
EXCELLENT
SCRIBE



FRED I. GORTON
MOST
EXCELLENT
HIGH PRIEST



ARTHUR A. WELLER
TREASURER



GEORGE E. HAWES
SECRETARY

NORTH ATTLEBORO
MASSACHUSETTS



Most Excellent Charles Dana Burrage
Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts

Enos D. Williams, as grand principal sojourner; Rt. Ex. Robert W. Browning, as grand royal arch captain; Albert H. Martin, George A. Warren and Benjamin T. Morgan, as grand masters of the veils; James H. Barlow, as grand steward; John T. Kimball, grand tyler; others on the suite were Walter E. Russell, Francis H. Appleton, Homer W. Hosie and William A. Spier. There were also Most

Ex. Horace S. Richardson, PGHP of Rhode Island; Edwin H. Pearson, HP of Somerville Chapter; Manton H. Coombs, PHP of Providence Chapter; Levi L. Wetherbee, HP and Dr. Ralph Dean, secretary of St. Mark's Chapter; William M. Thorup, PHP of Adoniram Chapter; Thomas P. Blake, K, and Edward B. Noyes, secretary of Bethsaida Chapter.

On the grand officers assuming



Charles Howard Parker, P. H. P.
Most Excellent High Priest of Rabboni Royal Arch Chapter Under Dispensation

their stations, Grand High Priest Burrage stated that the Capitular Masons of the town were about to have fulfilled the consummation of their desires after months of waiting. They had satisfied him that they were able to assume the burdens and responsibilities likely to come under

such circumstances, and to share in the privileges of a chapter.

Prayer was offered by the acting grand chaplain.

Arthur T. Parker delivered the historical address, in which he recounted the origin of Masonry in the town. Bristol lodge, the oldest fraternal or-

ganization in the vicinity, is the 20th on the register of Grand Lodge. It opened June 26, 1797, and the warrant is signed by Paul Revere. The first location was Norton, in 1812 it moved to Attleboro, and 18 years later came here. Adoniram Chapter had its first home in Attleboro, secondly in Taunton, and then shifted its quarters to New Bedford. This resulted in 1876, in the formation of King Hiram Chapter in Attleboro, so that those of this town who had desired to enter the Capitular rite went there or over to Keystone, in Foxboro. Five years ago began the movement here for a chapter, and a year ago the fruition of their efforts was the start of another link in the Grand Chapter of the State.

After the introduction of the petitioners by the deputy grand high priest, the warrant was read by the acting grand secretary, and the formal constitution took place by Grand High Priest Burrage. The dedication by the acting grand chaplain preceded the proclamation by Grand Capt. of the Host Hatch.

At the installation ceremony the presiding officer received his jewel at the hands of the grand high priest, the king was inducted by Deputy Grand High Priest Preston and the scribe by Grand King Montague, who was also assisted in assigning the other officers to their posts by District Deputy Burton. The addresses to the officers and chapter were from the grand king.

The organization for 1912 is as follows: Fred I. Gorton, high priest; William F. Maintien, king; Walter E. Barden, scribe; Arthur A. Weller, treasurer; George E. Hawes, secretary; Rev. W. Henry Kling, chaplain; William A. Thurber, captain of the host; Harry E. Litchfield, royal arch captain; Herbert J. Straker, Louis E. Lelan and Herbert E. Pierce, masters

of the veils; Fred A. Manter and Harlie E. Thompson, stewards; Malcolm M. McMillan, tyler; Edwin C. Hall, organist.

On the adjournment to the banquet hall Grand High Priest Burrage extended the warm greetings of the grand chapter on the entrance of the local Capitular Masons to the ancient and honorable sisterhood of chapters. He was confident that Rabboni would shine through the years as one of the stars that adorn the crown of the grand chapter. He appreciated the hospitality extended him, and in closing said that it might well rejoice at the auspicious beginning of its life.

District Deputy Dunbar, as a member of the sister chapter in Attleboro, brought its best wishes, and with them went his own congratulations.

The general committee included Fred I. Gorton, Charles H. Parker (PHP), William F. Maintien, Arthur A. Weller and Wallace G. Franklin.

Rabboni Chapter starts on its career under most favorable conditions, there are 109 names on its charter and there is no doubt of its ability or the purpose of its officers and members to keep it in the front rank of usefulness—a source of fraternal good-will and an honor to the Grand Chapter that gave it birth. The program merits especial notice, the first page which we reproduce has the pictures of the high priest, king, scribe, treasurer and secretary. A new and excellent likeness of Grand High Priest Burrage is shown and a fine likeness of Charles Howard Parker, past high priest, whom the companions hold in high estimation for his efficient service as high priest while the chapter was under dispensation. We give all the pictures of the program and include the scriptural quotation at the beginning of this article showing the source from which the name was obtained.

Royal Order of Scotland

Office of the Provincial Grand Master of the United States

433 Third Street Northwest, Washington, D. C.

WE, James Daniel Richardson, R. L. F., Provincial Grand Master of H. R. M. of the United States of America, unto Sir William Oscar Roome, R. G. L. T. N., Provincial Grand Secretary:

We have appointed:

Sir George Mayhew Moulton.....Provincial Senior Grand Warden
Sir James Isaac Buchanan.....Provincial Junior Grand Warden
Sir Thomas Robert Morrow.....Provincial Grand Sword Bearer
Sir Owen Burdette Hannan.....Provincial Grand Banner Bearer
Sir Rev. Howard Fremont Hill.....Provincial Grand Chaplain
Sir George Edgar Corson.....Provincial First Grand Marshal
Sir Stirling Kerr, Jr.....Provincial Second Grand Marshal
Sir Everett Chamberlain Benton.....Provincial First Grand Steward
Sir William Busby.....Provincial Second Grand Steward
Sir George Washington Kendrick, Jr.....Provincial Third Grand Steward
Sir Arthur MacArthur.....Provincial Fourth Grand Steward
Sir Millard Fillmore Hicks.....Provincial Grand Guard
Sir Harold Postle Carl Spencer Stewart.....Provincial Director of Music

To hold office, subject to the provisions of the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Lodge, until the first day of January, 1913, and until their successors shall be appointed.

You will make this order of record, send a copy to each of the official journals for publication, and officially inform each officer of his appointment.

Dated this 10th day of February, 1912.

James D. Richardson, R. L. F.,

Provincial Grand Master.

Official Copy furnished "New England Craftsman,"

Wm. Oscar Roome,

Provincial Grand Secretary.

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## THE POORHOUSE

BY SARA TEASDALE

Hope went by, and Peace went by,  
And would not enter in:  
Youth went by, and Health went by,  
And Love that is their kin.

Those within the house shed tears  
On their bitter bread;  
Some were old, and some were mad,  
And some were sick abed.

Gray Death saw the wretched house,  
And even he passed by.  
"They have never lived," he said;  
"They can wait to die."

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## NOTE AND COMMENT

The article in our February issue by Wallace S. King, master of the Lodge of Eleusis, Boston, has attracted the attention of the masters and members of Boston lodges quite generally. The experience in all of these lodges has been about the same when they have requested release on candidates residing outside of the jurisdiction of their lodge. Wor. Brother King presents the subject very clearly. He gives reason for his opinions. He alludes to the growing restriction of the field in which the Boston lodges work. He says: "It must be remembered that Boston is rapidly becoming a commercial center, and while many of our best men retain their chief interest in the city, their homes are elsewhere." He believes that these men should have the privilege of applying to Boston lodges for the degrees and that a willing consent should be given by the lodges holding authority. He puts the subject on a high moral plane when he says: "would it not be reasonable, fitting and commendable, for those who are requested to grant a common courtesy to reflect a moment and say to themselves, 'Now if we refuse this request, how much of an injury is going to be done to the fraternity?'" He refers to the unfavorable opinion of Masonry that is created in the minds of those who find that they may not apply for admission to whatever lodge they please. He says: "There is nothing compulsory in regard to their joining the Order at all. They come in voluntarily. If their wishes are not gratified they very likely keep out of Masonry altogether."

It is undoubtedly true that the time is approaching rapidly when something in the way of an enlarged jurisdiction will have to be granted to the Boston lodges. Boston lodges have large expenses. They, more than others, do the entertaining of brethren from afar. On the character on cordiality of their reception of visitors is largely founded the reputation of Massachusetts Masons for hospitality.

We have heretofore expressed our opinion on this subject. While we may at present be in advance of the majority of the brethren in our views the experience of the future is likely to lead them to see the subject

in the same light. In our opinion the only satisfactory way out of this difficulty and to avoid the serious consequences of invading, innocently or otherwise, the jurisdiction of other lodges is to establish by Grand Lodge legislation Concurrent Jurisdiction of every lodge in the state over the whole state. This plan would not create any serious revolution and in fact would in practice rarely make any change in the plans of candidates or lodges; for applicants for the degrees would naturally apply to the lodges most convenient to their homes. It would, however, be congenial to our sense of liberty which is a part of our National character. Why should not a man have the same liberty to choose his lodge as to choose his club or his church? The old idea that the character and fitness of a candidate for Masonic degrees can only be determined by the lodge nearest his residence is no longer true. Every one knows that with modern facilities for communication and information there can be no difficulty in ascertaining full information regarding any candidate that cannot be readily overcome.

Whether or not the enlargement of the jurisdiction of Boston lodges is ever attained the lodges in surrounding jurisdictions should be willing to exhibit a courteous regard for the interests of the Boston brethren and not exercise a legal right simply because they have the authority without considering the effect on the good name of Freemasonry. By so doing said Brother King we may become "more worthy exponents of our immortal heritage, the grandest organization of its kind the world has ever known."

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The officers of Zetland lodge, Boston, for 1912 are: Frederick E. Meader, worshipful master; Howard Whitmore, senior warden; William C. Crane, junior warden; Leonard A. Cates, treasurer; Arthur W. Coolidge, secretary; Arthur J. Bates, and Hilbert F. Day, chaplains; John W. Johnson and Elwood T. Easton, deacons; William M. Wise and William M. Cates, stewards; Edward N. Kent, inside sentinel; William H. Gerrish,

organist, and Edward F. Jacobs, tyler. The annual meeting of Zetland lodge occurs on the day of the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge and it is usual for the Grand Master and other prominent members of the Grand Lodge to be the guests of Zetland lodge on these occasions. This was true of the last annual meeting when a large number of Grand Lodge officers and members responded to invitations to be present. Among those present were Dana J. Flanders, grand master; Samuel Hauser, senior grand warden; Thomas W. Davis, recording grand secretary; J. Albert Blake and Edwin B. Holmes, past grand masters; Everett C. Benton and Wm. H. L. Odell, past deputy grand masters. An excellent dinner was served. After the dinner Worshipful Master Edmund S. Young, gave a speech of welcome and called on the following brethren to address the lodge: Most Wor. Bros. Dana J. Flanders and Edwin B. Holmes and Rt. Wor. Bros. Eyerett C. Benton, Melvin M. Johnson, Allen T. Treadway and Clarence A. Brodeur. The remarks of the brethren were received with interest and warm approval by the brethren of the lodge. The officers were installed by Rt. Wor. William H. H. Soule assisted by Wor. William B. Reid as marshal. The choice of Rt. Wor. Bro. Soule as installing officer is singularly appropriate as his relation with the lodge has been close ever since it was chartered in 1867. He had a personal acquaintance with each of the charter members as well as with every master of the lodge since its organization. The lodge has been prosperous under the administration of the retiring master, Wor. Bro. Young, and there is reason to expect an equal prosperity under the direction of Wor. Bro. Meader.

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The ninety-fourth annual assembly of Providence Council, R. & S. M., No. 1, was held Friday, January 12th. The Most Ill. Grand Master, Comp. James E. Batty, was present and installed the officers, who are as follows: Thomas M. Jacques, thrice illustrious master; Harry A. Reed, deputy master; Howard R. Slade, principal conductor of work; Grosvenor P. Nichols, treasurer; William R. Greene, recorder; Albert Knight, chaplain; Victor H. Frazier, captain of guard; James A. Hawes, conductor of

council; William S. Greene, steward; Lynn W. Felch, sentinel. The present membership of the Council is 1297, a net gain for the year of 61.

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A considerable number of lodge notices come to our desk, all of which may be commended for some particular merit; some for their elaborate, others for their simple decoration. Among the latter class we think the notice of Henry Price lodge, Charlestown, Mass., may be praised for its simple but distinctly appropriate design which includes a picture of Henry Price.

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The banquet of members of Redwood lodge, Providence, R. I., Monday, February 12th, was interrupted by the sudden death of one of the guests, Mrs. E. H. Lincoln, wife of one of the members. The occasion was one promising unusual pleasure. Distinguished brethren were to speak, music and entertainment were engaged, but the messenger of death unexpectedly put an end to all, and hushed voices and sad faces expressed the sorrow which overcame the company.

Mrs. Lincoln attended the banquet with her husband. Arriving at the Masonic Temple, Mrs. Lincoln conversed brightly with Harry Cutler, after which she made her way to the dining room, where she aided the other women friends of the members in seeing that everything was in readiness for the banquet.

When the guests filed into the hall Mrs. Lincoln was one of those who ushered them into their places. She was the life of the party.

The first course had just been served when Worshipful Past Master Harry Cutler, who was to have acted as toastmaster, was notified that one of the women guests had been taken suddenly ill.

Mr. Cutler made his way to Mrs. Lincoln's side and saw at a glance that her condition was serious. By direction of two physicians who were present she was carried into another room where she was laid on a couch, when she was found to be dead.

Mr. Cutler returned to the hall and after consulting with the officers of the lodge announced to the large gathering that in view

of the death of Mrs. Lincoln and as a token of respect for her memory and of sympathy with her husband, the banquet would be postponed to a future date, to be announced later.

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The 114th annual communication of Mt. Vernon lodge, Providence, R. I., was held February 22d. The lodge was opened in the afternoon and the following officers were installed by Wilbur M. Scott, Fourth District Deputy of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island:

Worshipful Master, John W. Whillans; Senior Warden, Thomas M. Jacques; Junior Warden, B. Howard Lester; Treasurer, Charles J. Whelden; Secretary, Charles B. Manchester; Chaplain, Horace S. Richardson; Senior Deacon, Ernest M. Whitney; Junior Deacon, William S. Greene; Senior Steward, J. Richard Little; Junior Steward, George L. Hammond; Marshal, Everett J. Horton; Sentinel, Walter D. Gilbert.

An interesting incident of the day was the presentation of life membership in the lodge to Wor. Brother Reuben S. Bemis, a past master. The presentation was made by the newly installed Master, Wor. Bro. John W. Whillans, who in conferring the life membership upon Brother Bemis said that it was an attempt to show the great appreciation and esteem in which the lodge members held him. It came as a complete surprise to the recipient who was deeply affected by the unexpected honor. During the dinner which followed the Class of 1911 sang in concert a song descriptive of their advancement to the honors of Masonry.

The class was introduced by the toastmaster as "the infant class of Mount Vernon Lodge," and in carrying out that idea appeared in infant bonnets. The appearance of the 30 members of the class was greeted with applause.

The decorations of the large hall at the Masonic Temple were in perfect accord with the spirit of the day. The American flag was in evidence on all sides and festoons in colors and numerous small banners attested to the patriotic nature of the occasion. Old engravings of George and Martha Washington hanging on the north wall attracted considerable attention. A large illuminated picture of the "Father of his Country" oc-

cupied a place at the rear of the speakers' table, and above it shone out in electric fire the symbol of Masonry.

Four hundred members and guests were seated at the tables in the dining hall when the Worshipful Master introduced Worshipful Brother Bemis as the toastmaster in unique manner.

The toastmaster in assuming the office said that in entering upon his duties for the seventh consecutive year it was his pleasurable privilege to extend fraternal greetings and a cordial welcome to the brethren and their friends assembled to participate in the observance of the 114th birthday of Mount Vernon lodge. He said that the lodge is in the best of condition. He commended the members for the loyal support given to the officers, and he then commended the officers "for their faithfulness to the trust reposed in them, with the result," he declared, "that we have developed a lodge second to none in Masonic efficiency."

Interesting speeches were made by District Deputy Scott, Alfred G. Chaffee, Mayor Fletcher and James T. Tryon of Waltham, Mass.

One of the most impressive features of the evening was the tribute to the members of the order and lodge who died during the past year. In paying this tribute, the toastmaster said:

"I deem this a fitting moment in our proceedings to offer up our tribute to mortality. During the past year several of our brethren have passed on to the other side. In addition, we mourn the loss of our beloved Grand Master, W. M. Brother James B. Gay. This double sorrow forces upon us anew the truth of the words, 'Death is the grand leveller of human greatness.'

"Brethren, much as we may dread the fact, the knowledge is borne in upon us, that at some time in our existence the knock of the grim messenger will be heard at our door, and admittance cannot then be denied. Prayers and supplications for respite will be of no avail, for they will be unheeded. Wise is the man who has his house so in order that when the dread summons is sounded at his portal he can wrap the mantle of his couch about him, and with smile serene, respond: 'Ay, Master, I come!' And when he appears before the Great Presence, offering

for inspection the ashlar he has endeavored to perfect during his earthly existence, may the examination prove so satisfactory that there will fall upon his ear the welcome sound of that glorious commendation, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy reward!'

At the last word of the tribute, the secretary started the reading of the roll. As each name was read, taps were sounded on the lower floor of the temple, the note of the trumpet muffled by distance giving an added impressiveness to the ceremonial.

The roll was as follows: James Bacon Gay, Norval B. Bowers, Samuel G. Sherman, Andrew J. Ferguson, Murray R. Wilson, George A. Clark, Jason A. Bidwell and Elias H. Carpenter.

The Boston Quintet sang several songs and aided in the singing of some parodies "touching up" the officers and past officers of the lodge, which with the class song were written by M. D. Rogers of the class. Manchester's Orchestra furnished the music during the early part of the evening. John E. Daniels of the Boston Quintet told some stories before the anniversary celebration closed with the singing of Mount Vernon's ode.

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Commendator Ramon Blanchart, a member of the Boston Opera Company and of Mt. Lebanon lodge, Boston, has received word that his youngest daughter, Miss Amanda Blanchart, has received the first prize as pianist at the Royal Conservatory in Milan.

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Ladies' Night and annual reception to the Worshipful Master and Wardens of What Cheer lodge, Providence, R. I., will be held April 9th. An able committee are making preparations for the event.

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Mount Olivet lodge, Cambridge, Mass., will hold a "Ladies' Night," Wednesday, March 13th. The programme will include supper, an entertainment with whist and dancing. The exercises will be held in the new temple.

The 57th anniversary of Gate of the Temple lodge, South Boston, will be held Thursday, March 14th. It will be observed as a "Ladies' Night." There will be an entertainment, supper and dancing.

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Gethsemane Commandery, K. T., Newton, Mass., enjoyed a charming social function, January 24th. A party of 400 participated in the pleasure of banquet, concert, whist and dance. There was also a fine exhibition drill that was watched with great interest. The Commandery proposes to go to Denver in August and is providing a fund to meet a part of the expense of the trip. Eminent Commander Asa C. Jewett is chairman of the general committee and Recorder A. Sidney Bryant is treasurer.

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Rt. Ex. Companion John J. Van Valkenburgh, past high priest of Concord R. A. Chapter, South Framingham, Mass., presented Concord R. A. Chapter with a handsome silk flag at its convocation, February 1st. The gift came as a surprise to the companions. As the donor was unable to be present the presentation was in charge of Past High Priest Louis M. Palmer, who made an eloquent presentation speech. Companion Van Valkenburgh acknowledges his indebtedness to Grand High Priest Burrage for his suggestion for providing a flag for the chapter, he also expresses a wish that other Masonic bodies "may at any and all times be as free to use the flag as though actual possessors of the same." Previous to the flag presentation the following officers of Concord R. A. Chapter were installed by District Deputy Grand High Priest Arthur Twitchell, assisted by Ex. Comp. William B. Pratt; Sands S. Woodbury, high priest; C. Edwin Dearbon, king; George T. Robbins, scribe; James F. Higgins, treasurer; George H. Eames, secretary; William F. Howland, captain of the host; Theo. H. Videto, chaplain; Errol W. Fiske, principal sojourner; Perry Z. Whiting, royal arch captain; C. T. Joslyn, Clarence L. Butler and John B. Lambert, masters of the veils; Louis D. H. Fuller and Ernest H. Connant, stewards; Emory W. Brown, tyler. A collation concluded the evening.

**Past Master's Night** was observed by Deering lodge, Portland, Maine, January 15th. The chairs were filled by past masters as follows: W. M., Herbert N. Maxfield; S. W., Ernest L. Watkins; J. W., Francis T. Miller; Treasurer, Isaac L. Elder; Secretary, A. Freeman Berry; S. D., Edward S. Waite; J. D., Fred B. Marston; S. S., Charles D. Moses; J. D., George F. Grant; Chaplain, Peter W. Wescott; Marshal, Walter S. Coleman; Organist, Frank O. Rogers; Tyler, Edward B. Sargent; Fellow Crafts, Charles W. Foster, C. Oscar Moses, Silas B. Adams, Leon W. Helson, R. W. Francis E. Chase, E. Eugene Willard; Lecturers, R. W. Isaac A. Clough, Charles W. Blake.

Following the work a buffet lunch was served.

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At the last regular communication of Adoniram lodge, Limington, Maine, the following officers for the coming year were installed by Past Master Warren W. Ford assisted by Harry M. Sawyer as marshal; Guy A. Brackett, worshipful master; Eugene E. Storer, senior warden; Willis F. Avery, junior warden; Hardy M. McKenney, treasurer; James F. Pillsbury, secretary; Harry F. Maxim, marshal; Robert Haley and Edward Wentworth, deacons; Edward Waterhouse and George M. Brackett, stewards.

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Rt. Wor. Clarence A. Brodeur, principal of the Normal School at Westfield, Mass., made the address of the evening at the Burns' celebration by the Easthampton Caledonian Club, January 24th.

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The annual "Ladies' Night" of Calvary Commandery, Providence, R. I., was an occasion of unusual brilliancy. The features were, reception, banquet, vaudeville, dancing and good music. The event took place Friday, February 16th.

Nearly 400 were present to honor the Eminent Commander, Henry P. Stone and Mrs. Stone, who with Generalissimo Sir Walter A. Griffith and Mrs. Griffith and Captain General Sir Louis Colwell and Mrs. Colwell greeted the company in the large lodge room from 6 to 6.30 o'clock. The banquet which followed was served in the large hall, elaborately decorated with a floral scheme into which a novel arrangement of

electric lights was introduced with pleasing effect. The company included many well known members of the order from other cities. Officers of the Commandery are: Eminent Commander, Sir Henry P. Stone; Generalissimo, Sir Walter A. Griffith; Captain General, Sir Louis N. Colwell; Senior Warden, Sir Charles L. Marston; Junior Warden, Sir Joseph Lawton; Prelate, E. Sir Frank S. Congdon; Treasurer, Sir William E. M. Little; Recorder, E. Sir Joseph H. Potter; Standard Bearer, Sir Edward B. Halliday; Prelate Emeritus, E. Sir Albert L. Anthony; Sword Bearer, Sir Frank W. Holmes; Warder, Sir Edwin O. Chase; Adjutant, Sir John K. Munroe.

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Grand Lecturer Fred L. Moses, made an official visit to Medford (Mass.) Council, R. and S. Masters, February 15th.

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There was an interesting reunion of past masters and old members of Mount Tabor lodge, East Boston, Thursday, February 15th. The officers' chairs were occupied by past masters during the work.

Before the officers resigned their stations to be filled by the past masters Worshipful Master Harden stated that as the members were scattered far and wide, it was considered that one of the best means to bring them together was to give them an opportunity of seeing the former occupants of the chair conduct the work. He had the satisfaction of beholding the largest assemblage Mt. Tabor has had in several years. The exemplification afforded great satisfaction to the company.

The stations were thus filled: Harry Hamilton, WM; William H. Leach, SW; Richard A. Atwood, JW; J. Hiram S. Pearson, C; Martin M. Hancock, T; William H. Beach, S; Edward H. Horse, M; Frederick W. Hayden, SD; Hosea Harden, JD; W. T. H. Pease, SS; Herbert P. Wasgatt, JS.

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The annual "Ladies' Night" of Hiram lodge, Arlington, Mass., was held February 28th in the Town Hall. The entertainment was of the highest order. George Bartlett Cutter and Miss Roselth Knapp were the entertainers, the former in mirth and pathos in prose, verse and song, and the latter in humorous numbers. The entertainment over, the seats were removed and dancing

was enjoyed. Among those present was Wor. Brother William H. Pattee, who is the oldest past master of the lodge, having held that office from 1862 to 1865. The district deputy, Rt. Wor. Robert W. Oliver and Mrs. Oliver were also present.

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John Abbott lodge, Somerville, Mass., entertained the ladies, February 27th, about 400 persons participated in the pleasing exercises of the evening. District Deputy Grand Master Robert W. Oliver was the leading guest. He was accompanied by Mrs. Oliver. A banquet, entertainment and dancing were the features of the evening.

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Samuel D. Sherwood, grand junior warden, made an official inspection of Gethsemane Commandery, K. T., Newton, February 27th.

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It is no doubt a compliment to have our editorials used by our exchanges, yet we feel that we are entitled to an acknowledgment of the fact. Perhaps no one intends to be discourteous in the matter and a failure to give credit for articles used may be due to carelessness. Such may be the excuse of the "Masonic Journal" of Jacksonville, Fla., for using our Christmas editorial without credit; also of the "Globe," Gravette, Ark., for a similar act some months ago. If our brother editors find anything in our articles that appear of value they are quite welcome to use them only remember to give credit to the "New England Craftsman."

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Palestine Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Providence, R. I., enjoyed their third "Ladies' Night," February 14th.

The festive event was held at the band headquarters, 81 Dyer Street, the dinner being served at 7 o'clock. At each of the 80 plates set at the several tables was a comic valentine enclosed in a neat box the opening of which started the laughter that was almost continuous thereafter throughout the evening.

Another surprise was also arranged for the conclusion of the dinner, each woman present receiving a gold pin set with pearls, the gift of the band, and the presentation speech being made by George G. Bell, the

band director. The presentation was a genuine surprise.

At 8.30 o'clock the entertainment programme was started by William D. Tucker, who "chanted" an original poem to piano accompaniment. An hour of progressive whist followed, and after the distribution of the trophies to the successful players the entertainment programme concluded with "An Hour of Minstrelsy."

The committee in charge of the arrangements included E. E. Gardner, Fred E. Horton and George G. Bell. The affair was restricted to the band members, active, associate and honorary, and their families.

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Harmony Lodge, No. 9, F. and A. M., "of Pawtuxet in the town of Warwick," as the more than century old charter yet reads, although the lodge hall now is in Cranston, has had many "ladies' nights," but none more successful than that of this year on Wednesday, February 14th, when Masonic Hall on Ocean Street, Pawtuxet, was filled with members and their guests. In recognition of the day, the dance programmes were in the form of valentines. Dancing was enjoyed from 10 to 12 o'clock, while those who did not care to dance had whist during those hours. Herbert D. Hough was floor director for the dancing, his aids being Frank H. N. Lindsley, William R. Arnold, Jr., Harry A. Reed and Herbert G. Lee.

There was a reception from 7.30 o'clock to W. Master William H. Browning and Mrs. Browning, Senior Warden William W. Whitten and Junior Warden Frederick M. Rhodes. Dinner was served at 8 in the banquet hall on the first floor and was strictly informal. The guests found at hand tape confetti, which soon was flying in every direction; small balloons to blow up and toss around and snapper bon-bons helped to create an atmosphere of informality and cordiality. Dinner was followed at 9 o'clock by an entertainment.

Officers of Harmony lodge for 1912 are: W. William H. Browning, master; William W. Whitten, senior warden; Frederick M. Rhodes, junior warden; W. Robert E. Budlong, treasurer; W. Forrest A. Peck, secretary; W. Sylvester K. M. Robertson, chaplain; Dr. Frank A. Fearney, senior deacon; Clements A. Brown, junior deacon; Sylvester M. Budlong, senior steward; William H.

Sykes, junior steward; W. Frank W. Lockwood, marshal; Gustav A. Schweitzer, musical director; J. Walter Pickering, tyler.

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Charity lodge, Cambridge, Mass., had a charming time at their "Ladies' Night," February 28th. There was a company of about 300 persons. The spirit of the occasion was well expressed in the following lines on the cover of the programme: Here's to God's first thought, "Man!" Here's to God's second thought, "Woman!" Second thoughts are always best, So here's to "Woman."

There was a banquet, a fine stage entertainment and a dance.

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The new Acacia Club of Dorchester, Mass., which is designed for a club for Masons and their families was opened Friday, March 1st, for the inspection of its members and friends.

More than 300 attended the affair, including many Masons of prominence from the grand lodge. There was no set programme for the occasion, but music assisted to enliven the event, while refreshments were served.

The club recently furnished was inspected from top to bottom and many were the plaudits showered on William B. Rand, the president and principal organizer, for his taste in selecting the furnishings and his success in making the club as it is the only one of its kind in New England.

Among some of the distinguished visitors were Charles Dana Burrage, G. H. P. of the G. R. A. chapter; James S. Black, D. D., of the grand chapter; Edgar W. Evans, M. I. G. M., of the grand council of Royal and Select Masons; Edward S. Crandon, P. G. M., of the grand council; E. Pierce Davis, one of the grand lodge officials; Thomas W. Davis, grand secretary of the grand lodge.

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The Knights Templars' Commanders' Association of Massachusetts and Rhode Island have decided to hold a "Ladies' Night," April 30th. The committee in charge recommended that the affair be held in Hotel Somerset, Boston.

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Rev. R. Perry Bush, D. D., Chaplain of the Grand R. A. Chapter of Massachusetts,

and well known in other Masonic stations, has completed 20 years' service as pastor of the Universalist Church, Chelsea, Mass. The event was commemorated at his church, Friday, March 1st, over 500 past and present members of the society were present to extend their greetings to the pastor.

The reception was held in the commodious parlors of the new stone church dedicated shortly over a year ago. While the members and friends of the church, after showering their congratulations and well wishes on their pastor and his wife, gathered in groups to talk of the days that had passed in the history of the church, young girls of the Sunday school classes flitted back and forth serving refreshments.

Among those early to pass to the receiving line was Mrs. Mary W. Bush, the aged mother of the pastor, the daughters of the pastor, Miss Edith, a teacher of the Chelsea High School; Miss Reba, a teacher of the Reading High School, and the son, Vannavar, a student at Tufts.

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Over 200 brethren sat around the tables in Liberty lodge, Beverly, Mass., on the evening of February 22d, for the purpose of celebrating the birthday and honoring the memory of George Washington. The celebration has for years been associated with a similar ceremony by the brethren of Alexandria lodge of Alexandria, Virginia, Brother Robert W. Fuller of the latter lodge was present, the bearer of greetings from the lodge of which Washington was a member. The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was represented by Senior Grand Warden, Harry W. Ballard; Junior Grand Warden, H. F. French; Grand Recording Secretary, Thomas W. Davis; District Deputy Grand Master, Louis A. Rogers, and Grand Tyler, George W. Chester. Interesting remarks appropriate to the occasion were made by several brethren, Rt. Wor. Bro. Ballard doing the honors for the Grand Lodge in the absence of Grand Master Benton, who was engaged in other duties at the time. John H. Harris, master of Liberty lodge, presided, and telegrams were exchanged between Beverly and Alexandria lodges. The affair was in charge of a committee of which J. H. Harris was chairman, H. E. Lunt, secretary, and B. A. Patch, treasurer.

The February meetings of the Scottish Rite bodies of Boston attracted a large attendance of brethren. Especial interest was shown in the work of the Consistory which was in accordance with the revised ritual, and presented in an elaborate manner. Illustrious Leon M. Abbott, puissant grand lieutenant commander of the Supreme Council was present. An officer of the Supreme Council of the Southern jurisdiction, A. L. Fitzgerald, of Reno, Nevada, was also present. The consistories of many states, some of the distant West, were represented by their members who were interested spectators of the work. Commander-in-chief Edward S. Benedict, 33°, presided at the opening of the rendezvous. Wilber S. Locke, 32°, had the entire direction of the ceremonies.

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Grand High Priest Charles D. Burrage made a fraternal visit to the Chapter of the Shekinah, Chelsea, Mass., February 9th. He was cordially welcomed by High Priest, Martin J. Pleschinger. After other exercises had been concluded, Grand High Priest Burrage delivered an address upon the lessons to be gained by imbibing the principles of the rite, and made especial reference to the importance of exercising charity. He alluded to the roll of honor which constituted those who had held office many years in the chapters of Massachusetts, and said that Shekinah had one who was fifth in the list. Sec. Charles S. Beatley is now in his 42d year in that capacity. Rev. Charles T. Lyon, chaplain of the R. A. Chapter of the Signet, had fulfilled such duties 43 years. George D. Green, who had passed his 90th year, had given nearly half of that time to the treasurership of his chapter in Medford, a like period in Mt. Hermon lodge, and was on the 44th year in the council, all in the same capacity. At the institution of the chapter in Adams, in 1865, David D. Brown accepted one of the principal stations, and has kept it without interruption. But in Boston Masonic Temple is the Nestor of Masons, for there can be found Theodore H. Emmons of St. Paul's Chapter, who is well into the 53d year as secretary.

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A very unique circular announced to the members of the "Masters' Association" of the fifth Masonic district of Massachusetts

that the twenty-first annual meeting of the association would be held at Boston City Club, January 29th. If any opinion may be derived from the pictorial illustration in addition to the text of the circular we may safely conclude that Secretary Edward O. Hatch is "on to his job" in the business of entertaining. As a contrast to other contributors, Rt. Wor. Bro. Harvey N. Shepard gave his illustrated lecture on "The Islands of Japan."

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"Ladies' Night" under the auspices of Joseph Warren lodge, Boston, February 27th, may be classed among the most brilliant functions observed in Masonic Temple this season. A fine programme was successfully carried out in all its detail. There was a reception and organ recital in Corinthian Hall at 6.30 o'clock. Bro. Everett E. Truette presided at the organ. There were in the receiving line William F. Johnson WM, and Mrs. Johnson; Most Worshipful Everett C. Benton, GM, and Mrs. Benton; John Feehan, SW, and Mrs. Feehan; Francis M. Ryder, JW, and Mrs. Ryder. There were many other invited guests. The banquet was at 7 o'clock and was provided by Bro. E. F. Hicks. At 8.30 o'clock there was a concert and entertainment in Ionic Hall. Dancing from 10 o'clock concluded the festivities of the evening, about 200 couples assisted.

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William J. A. De Lancey, senior past grand high priest of the Grand R. A. Chapter of Illinois, died at Williamsport, Ind., on February 13th. He was born at Chesterfield, N. H., January 9th, 1826. He was an active and efficient worker in other branches of Masonry.

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Marshall H. Trimble, active in every branch of Masonry, and Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Illinois, died after a lingering illness, February 15th. He commanded the respect of all and the love of those who knew him best.

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Hugh de Payens Commandery, K. T., Melrose, Mass., received the official inspection of Grand Junior Warden, Samuel D. Sherwood, February 14th, it being the forty-sixth anniversary of the date of its charter. There was a very large number of visitors

present. Included in the suite were: Emt. Sir Walter F. Medding, GCG; Emt. Sir William J. Bolton, G Swd. B; Rt. Emt. Sirs William H. H. Soule and Charles I. Litchfield, PGC; Emt. Sir Robert Fitts Warren, PC of Springfield Commandery, AGW.

Congratulations on its honorable history and the results it has achieved in Templarism were extended by Grand Warden Sherwood to Hugh de Payens. He felt sure that they were living true to the principles and examples of their forbears in advancing modern Templarism, likewise to the first grand master of the order, whose name they bore. In all ages of Masonry and Templary, said he, they had taught freedom, the rights of man and good citizenship. He was certain that the commandery was doing its best for humanity.

Past Grand Commander Soule considered there was more than an ordinary bond of friendship between St. Omer—his commandery—and Hugh de Payens, as they were born in the same year. It was a noble and honorable heritage that had been handed down to the members of the Melrose commandery by their fathers; they had much to be proud of, and he hoped for them all success.

Past Grand Commander Litchfield conveyed the regrets of Past Grand Warden Henry H. Litchfield that illness had prevented his attendance, and then extended his congratulations to Hugh de Payens, as did Grand Capt. Gen. Medding and Eminent Commander Kidder, while Past Commander Sears spoke of the great strength attained by the command since he joined, 25 years ago, the increase being from a little more than 200 to 496.

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Brother George T. Wiley, senior warden of Rabboni lodge, Dorchester, Mass., since last December, has won the good will and lasting confidence of the members of his lodge by assuming at short notice at the February communication the duties of the Worshipful Master. Worshipful Master Frank I. Black was taken ill and with the notice of only a few hours Brother Wiley presided during the business session and the work of the third degree. That he did well no one who listened to the long applause that supplemented the work will doubt. The

action of Brother Wiley illustrates the value of an officer who can do the work of the man in advance of him.

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No body meeting in Masonic Temple, Boston, is more prosperous or more attractive in its social features than Boston Council Royal and Select Masters. Its meetings are interesting, the work correct and impressive and there is always a large company of companions present to encourage the officers. The official inspection of the body was made Thursday, February 29th by Ill. Comp. Fred W. Derbyshire, grand captain of the guard, who was assisted by Ill. Comp. Richard S. Hood, grand master of ceremonies. The visiting official was accompanied by a suite of distinguished members of the rite, all of whom were most cordially welcomed by Thrice Illustrious Master, Edmund H. Lansing. At the conclusion of the formal exercises the inspecting officer and his assistant were each presented with a box of cigars instead of the usual floral contribution. The speech of Ill. Comp. Lansing, in presenting cigars in place of flowers was quite unique, especially so, in referring to some valuable hat-pins, his own personal gift, which he requested Ill. Companions Derbyshire and Hood to take home to their wives as more lasting and useful testimonials of good will than the flowers might prove to be in their faded beauty of the next morning.

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Miss Rose Lipp, the well known manufacturer and dealer in Masonic Supplies, has removed to No. 74 Boylston St., Rooms 221-222. Miss Lipp is recognized as an authority on correctness of design for the costumes of every period.

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A Templar event of unusual brilliancy was provided by Gethsemane Commandery, K. T., Newtonville, Mass., Friday, February 23d. The occasion was a ball and reception to Rt. Em. Arthur MacArthur of Troy, N. Y., deputy grand master of the Grand Encampment of the United States. Fully 400 were present including Grand Commander Blair and many prominent members of the order. Emt. Commander Asa C. Jewett extended a cordial welcome to all. Past Commander Lewis E. Binney introduced the grand commander and suite and the escort

was under the direction of Adj. A. E. Billings, with Capt. Gen. Shepard in charge of the lines.

The duty of welcoming Deputy Grand Master MacArthur devolved upon Grand Commander Blair. Deputy Grand Master MacArthur expressed great pleasure at having opportunity to meet the fraters of Massachusetts and said he would take away pleasant recollections and warm remembrances of his stay in Newton.

After an exhibition of floor movements by the escort, the company repaired to the banquet hall, which had been enlarged by the removal of the stage, while the appearance had been improved by the erection of a balcony at the head of the room. Beneath this were parlors fitted up for the special guests. The decorations were on an elaborate scale, and draping of bunting around the walls being relieved at intervals by Templar emblems, the Commandery banner having a prominent place.

There was an order of dancing, with whist for those who desired, the hours being occupied until long after midnight. Refreshments were served throughout the evening.

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Deputy Grand Commander Frank L. Nagle made an official inspection of Bay State Commandery, Brockton, Mass., February 19th. Eminent Commander Arthur L. Beals gave him a cordial welcome.

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The Grand Lodge of Louisiana was organized in New Orleans during February, 1812, and is now 100 years old, the event was commemorated by the Grand Lodge on Monday, February 5th, by an elaborate programme of exercises. It is an interesting fact that the presiding Grand Master, John S. Thibaut, is a grandson of the first grand master.

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An annual children's day has come to be a fixed feature in Knights Templar policy and the interest is still growing among officers of Commanderies in these occasions for the pleasure of the children of members. Coeur De Lion Commandery, K. T., of Charlestown, Mass., and Cambridge Commandery, K. T., Cambridge, Mass., each provided a most enjoyable entertainment for the young people of the members of those Commanderies on Washington's Birth-

day. Coeur De Lion Commandery began the practice of children's festivities long ago, the last event being the 26th annual party. There were 350 present, about 200 of whom were juveniles.

No one enjoyed the occasion more than did Mrs. John B. Lord, who is the only survivor of the Women's Committee that aided in carrying out the details of the first affair of the kind held by the commandery.

When the party had assembled in the asylum Eminent Commander Herbert P. Nickerson said that the festival for the little ones was considered one of the brightest days of the year for the commandery, as then the children were made happy, and it always proved truly a family gathering.

Past Commander Fox, with whom originated the idea of setting apart a day when the children should receive special attention, led the way to the entertainment hall and had in his arms the youngest guest, Ruth M. Britt, 17 months old. The next couple were the tiniest of the procession. Albert Curtis, aged 2, had for his partner, Evelyn Coates, one year his senior.

The diversion was furnished by Miss Ethel Wood, who told stories to the children, using small figures for illustration, while Herbert Clark sang character songs, played the banjo and had a fund of witty sayings. There was dancing, then ice cream and cake were served with a box of candy to each little visitor. A souvenir for every one was a large button bearing a picture of Washington, backed by tri-colored ribbon.

The experience of Cambridge Commandery dates from last year when the satisfaction of entertaining the young people was so pronounced that it was decided that such affairs should be continued and the second took place in the new temple in the afternoon of February 22d. There were about 325 in attendance and 180 of these were juveniles. The management was in the hands of Eminent Commander Charles R. Putnam, Generalissimo Walter C. Wardwell and Capt. Gen. Elmer P. Sargent, Jr., who were assisted by Past Commanders Welch, Parker and Rhodes, Gustav E. Carstein, Irving C. Langley and Isaac Bradford.

There was a stage attraction lasting an hour, the younger minds being greatly taken up with the clever tricks of a dog and feats of a magician. Ice cream and cake were

served. After the adjournment to the lodge room there were organ selections by Claude E. Saunier. In the march to the hall before the dancing, Eminent Commander Putnam escorted Jeanie Sherman, who is just 2 years old. Each child took home a pretty box containing candy.

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**John S. Cobb**, a prominent Mason of Mississippi, died at his home in Verona, Miss., January 18th, in the 59th year of his life. He had occupied the following exalted stations: Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, Grand Commander Knights Templar, and served this Grand Council as its M. I. Grand Master in 1908, his administrations reflected credit on the Fraternity and its work.

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**Enoch George DeLap**, one of the best known and most active Masons of Mississippi, died on the 24th of December last at the age of 73 years. He was past grand master, past grand high priest, past thrice illustrious grand master and past grand commander of the several grand bodies of Mississippi. Although he was an ex-Federal army man he was loved and respected by his associates in an unusual degree. The lodge in which he was initiated, passed and raised, was composed of ex-Confederate officers and soldiers, and it was the same way with the Chapter and Commandery, in fact throughout the years of his Masonic life.

He was one of the best posted members of the Craft, and one of the most persistent students of Masonic history. Above all he was proud of the fact that he held the love and esteem of his Southern brothers, and speaking of his record in Masonry said: "Quite a singular record for a 'Carpet Bag Yankee' who came to Natchez with the Federal Army, and was admitted to Masonry by ex-Confederate soldiers, advanced to the highest honors in the Order by many of these ex-Confederate soldiers, their sons and descendants."

Strong and self-willed, standing firm in the courage of his convictions, Companion DeLap ever sought the right and the truth, his was the search for more light, and conscious of his own honesty of purpose he never hesitated in taking his stand, and he

left no man in doubt as to what he thought or the position he took on any question.

A man of brilliant mind, finished education and extensive reader, well versed on all subjects, he wrote masterpieces for the Masonic world, his thirty-three annual reports on Correspondence for the Grand Commandery Knights Templar, being gems of the finest ray and attracting marked attention in every Grand Commandery where the reports were read.

In every phase of life Companion DeLap was a man among men, a man who earnestly endeavored to live up to the highest ideals of life and deeply appreciative of the love and esteem of his fellow-men. There was, there could be, but one Enoch George DeLap and the honors he won in life were such that money nor influence could win—they were the outpourings of sincere and heartfelt friendship.

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**Portland Council**, R. and S. M., at its annual meeting, gave gold jewels to the four Senior Past Masters, Stephen Berry, Francis E. Chase, George R. Shaw and Samuel Bearce, and to the retiring Master, Clifton L. Davis.

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**King Solomon's Temple Chapter**, Rockland, Maine, has elected Comps. S. M. Duncan, H. P.; Leo E. Howard, K.; A. P. Blaisdell, S.; Charles T. Smalley, Sec.

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**Rabboni lodge**, Lewiston, has elected Bros. J. L. Reade, M.; J. M. Palmer, S. W.; W. M. Goff, J. W.; Edwin L. Goss, Sec.

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**William J. Burnham**, 33°, Past Grand Master and Past Grand Commander, died at his home in Lewiston, February 18th, aged 76 years. Bro. Burnham had been superintendent of the mills of the Hill Manufacturing Co. for more than forty years. He was a man of very high character and unspotted life, conscientious and painstaking in every detail of his work. For more than thirty years he had been chaplain of Ashlar lodge and was treasurer of King Hiram Chapter a quarter of a century.

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**Waterville lodge**, Waterville, Maine, has elected these officers: Harold M. Pepper, M.; Harry S. Grindall, S. W.; Clarence E. P. Walker, J. W.; Charles B. Davis, Sec.

**Gen. Isaac Dyer**, of Skowhegan, Maine, ninety-one years of age, is probably the oldest postmaster in the country. He is still in good health, but, wishing to pass the rest of his days in retirement, he will decline a reappointment. He is a member of De Molay Commandery, and has been Department Commander of the Maine G. A. R.

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**Charles A. Gibson**, a leading citizen of Bangor, died February 15th, after a long illness. He was born in New Ipswich, N. H., in 1833. Was president of the Hinckley & Egery Iron Works, and a director of the Bangor & Aroostook R. R. and other enterprises, and a large owner of timber land and other real estate. He was a member of St. John's Commandery.

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**Past Masters' Night**, held by Oriental lodge, Bridgton, Maine, January 27th, was a successful affair. There were visitors from Lovell, Fryburg, Harrison and other towns. Work was performed in the Master's degree, and a banquet was served at the close.

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**Wor. Brother J. George Cooper**, past master of Columbian lodge, Boston, died February 25th. Brother Cooper was well known as the proprietor of the restaurant in the South Station. As a business man his reputation for honor and integrity was of the highest class. As a man and Mason he was loved, trusted and honored. No one could think an unkind thought or say an unkind word of him. He was generous to those in his employ and courteous to every one who came into his society. His death makes a loss in the circle of his friends that is distinctly felt.

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**Frederick I. Dana**, grand senior warden of the Grand Commandery, inspected De Molay Commandery, Boston, February 28th. There were 208 in regalia to salute the inspecting officer as he entered and 110 visitors.

Eminent Commander Charles W. Kidder made it manifest that De Molay's rank and file had the warmest regard for the choice

of Grand Commander Blair in his deputy for the inspection, and the cordiality shown was reciprocated by Grand Warden Dana. He introduced his staff, which comprised Emt. Sirs Walter F. Medding, GCG; William J. Bolton, G Swd B; Charles E. Pierce, GW; Harry G. Pollard, Frank T. Pearce, Charles R. Hunt and E. Percy Davis, GL; Rt. Emt. Sirs William H. H. Soule and Charles I. Litchfield, PGC; Emt. Sirs Henry H. Litchfield, PGW, and Henry A. Yenetchi, PGL.

The order of the Red Cross was exemplified, the chief officers who took part including Charles W. Kidder, EC; Edgar W. Evans, G; Edward E. Jameson, CG; William M. Farrington, SW; Almon B. Cilley, JW. There was an exhibition drill by the guards.

In his address Grand Warden Dana paid a compliment to De Molay for its magnificent turnout. It was one of the strong arms of the grand commandery, he said, and achieved a reputation that placed it on the highest pinnacle of Templarism. Commander Kidder presented bouquets to the inspecting official and deputy grand warden.

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The leap year party of Aleppo Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at the Shubert theatre, Thursday, February 29th, was a brilliant gathering. There were 1600 in the party, all Shriners and their ladies.

The special souvenir program of the evening had a colored cover, in the center of which was an admirable reproduction of Potentate Shackford's photograph.

The occupants of the boxes included Chief Rabban Walter W. Morrison and Mrs. Morrison, Asst. Rabban Francis H. Appleton and Mrs. Appleton, High Priest and Prophet James S. Blake and Mrs. Blake, Past Potentate Charles A. Estey and Mrs. Estey, Past Potentate Charles C. Henry and Mrs. Henry, Steward H. B. Perkins, Director C. Holman and Mrs. Holman, Col. Everett C. Benton, grand master of the Grand Lodge of Masons of Massachusetts, and Mrs. Benton, Mr. and Mrs. Henry N. Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Albert L. Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Josiah T. Dyer, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Porter, Mr. and Mrs. Everett G. Priest, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Work, Mr. and Mrs. Roy L. Faye, and Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Morison.

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—Riley.

A Belleville merchant has this sign on his store door:

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—Kansas City Journal.

"Willie, I hope your teacher appreciates how much I teach you at home."

"That's what I keep tellin' her, ma. She said yesterday, 'I wonder where you learn your bad manners, Willie,' and I said right away, 'Ma teaches 'em to me.'"

—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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Little Elsie (writing to her mamma)—  
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—Fliegende Blatter.

"Don't talk to me about what is in a name."

"Why not?"

"I employed, on the urgent request of an interested friend, three brothers named Gunn. From one I could never get a report, another was promptly fired, and the third kicked because I objected to his being loaded."

—Baltimore American.

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but give us the bark every time.

—Chicago News.

She had just finished reading Edward  
Everett Hale's "The Man Without a Coun-  
try," and as she laid it down she sighed and  
said:

"I cannot imagine anything worse than a  
man without a country."

"Oh, I can," said her friend.

"Why, what?"

"A country without a man."

—Ladies' Home Journal.

"Have you a fireless cooker?"

"Yes; we're afraid to discharge her."

Employer—"Come here, young man. I  
understand you've been gambling in rubber  
shares."

Clerk—"Yes, sir. I made \$500 last  
week."

Employer—"Great Scott! Do you know  
anything else?"

Mrs. Cobb—"Was the grocer's boy impu-  
dent to you again when you telephoned your  
order this morning?"

Cook—"Yes, Mrs. Cobb, he was that; but  
I fixed him this time. I sez, 'Who the hell  
do you think you're talkin' to? This is Mrs.  
Cobb.'"

—Life.

"Suppose," said a father to his little boy,  
"you have half an apple and I give you an-  
other half. How much have you?"

"A whole apple," said the boy.

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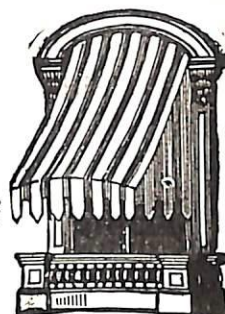
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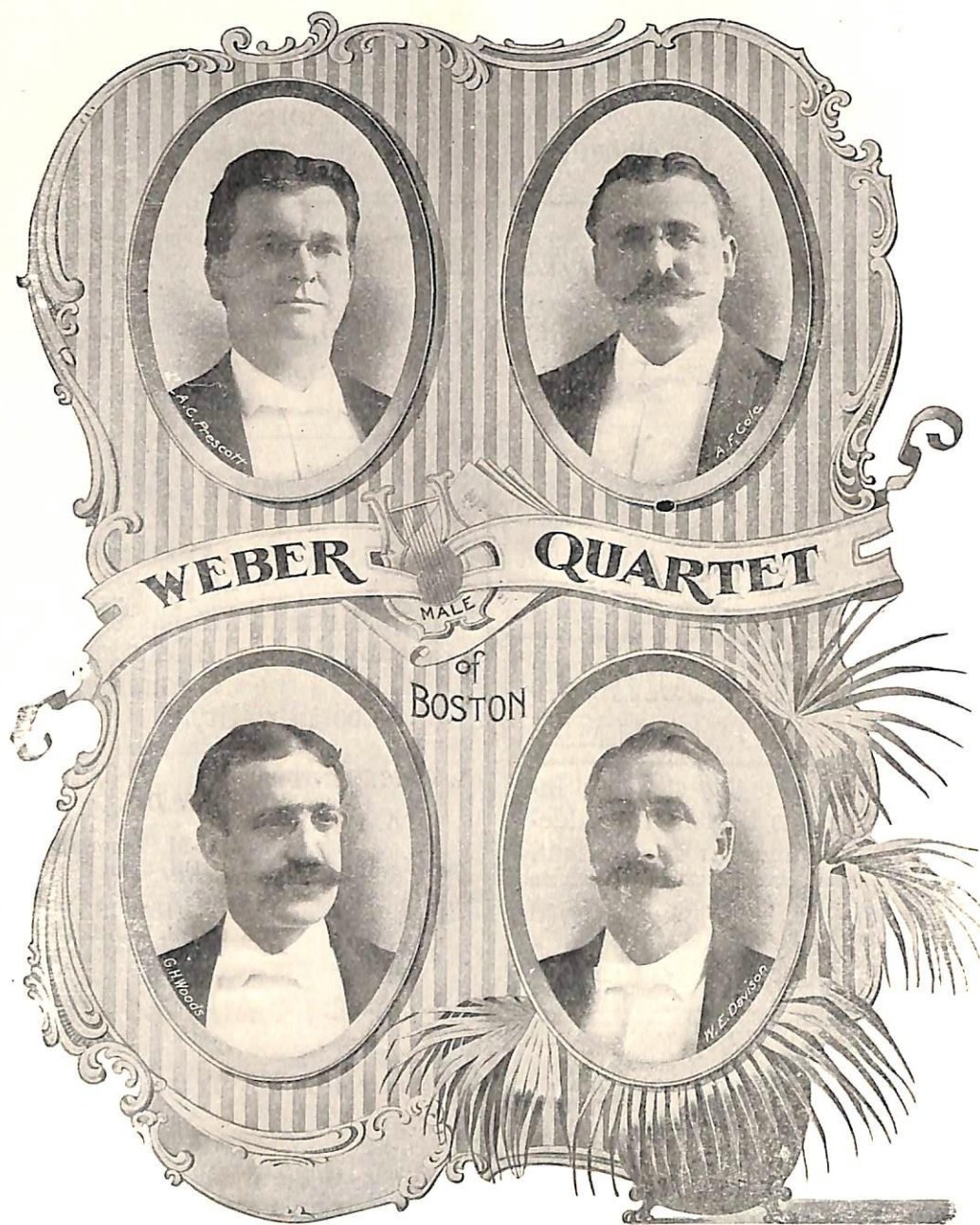
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